

## Provost selection expected in March

By MARIAH YOUNG

Provost candidates finished meeting with the University of Mary Washington community and the administration expects to make a final decision on the selection by mid-March.

The community-wide meetings allowed for students and faculty to voice their concerns and ask the potential provosts any questions that they had, according to President Rick Hurley.

"The candidates met faculty and staff in key leadership positions and vice versa which is what you want in a search," said Hurley. "We also gave everyone a chance to meet the candidates and the turnout was normal for this type of search."

There were originally three candidates that applied for the position. President Hurley notified students this past Sunday that Sheila Gutierrez de Pineres withdrew from the search.

"She was made an offer she couldn't refuse," said Hurley. "I have no idea if the offer came from another institution or her home campus."

The process will continue as planned because there has not been a decision to bring in other candidates for the search.

"Except for the withdrawal of one of our finalists, the search process has gone very well," said Hurley.

The search process began after Provost Jay Harper resigned in March 2013 after three years at the university. Interim Provost Ian Newbould was selected to serve for the 2012-2013

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SGA president Jeremy Thompson addressed the Fredericksburg City Council this past Tuesday.

## SGA neighborly with city council

By REGINA WEISS

Two Student Government Association (SGA) members from the University of Mary Washington were invited to represent the university at the bi-monthly Fredericksburg City Council meeting last Tuesday.

Senior history and political science major Jeremy Thompson, SGA president, and senior communications major Kagan McSpadden, director of community outreach for the SGA, opened the Feb. 26 meeting with a presentation on UMW community service projects.

Thompson highlighted numerous specific community service projects on campus that were completed this past semester, as well as annual community service events.

When talking about what defines UMW, Thompson said, "The one thing we say time and time again is that what brings students to the University of Mary Washington is community."

He told the council about the 50 students who volunteered in the Fredericksburg community for the homecoming clean-up project as an example of students working together to "make sure Fredericksburg remains beautiful, as it was when we first got here."

Thompson showed a slideshow of pictures and spoke

about annual events such as Pumpkin Palooza and Spring Forward Festival, two annual events that the university students put on for children in the Fredericksburg community.

Thompson also spoke about the "service-oriented" inauguration of UMW President Rick Hurley that included building benches on campus.

Students volunteered for a total of 13,896 hours last year, not including possible un-documented hours by students, Thompson said, stressing the "University's commitment to service overall."

McSpadden spoke to the council specifically about Good Neighbor Day, which will be held on March 16.

The program will involve UMW students in the Fredericksburg community surrounding the campus doing yard work, including tasks such as painting fences, mulching and weeding for area residents, according to McSpadden.

There are 120 students currently signed up for Good Neighbor Day, and efforts to recruit more students are ongoing.

The team collaborated with Vocellis Pizza on campus to put flyers in pizza boxes as an advertisement. The ICA club with the largest percentage of participants in Good Neighbor Day

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## Graduate degree put on the map

By RUTH DALRYMPLE

In the fall of 2014 the geography department will have a new master degree program in geospatial analysis, making it the first new graduate program in the last 10 years.

The program, aimed at making its graduates better prepared for the job market, was originally proposed by Brian Rizzo, geography professor and director of the Geographic Information Science program, for state approval during the fall of 2012.

The program is designed to accommodate 18 students each semester and will require a total

of 30 credit hours.

Geography professors Rizzo, Stephen Hanna, and Jacqueline Gallagher will make up the faculty.



Courtesy of UMW

Psychology professor Craig Vasey.

Geographic Information Science. It was implemented during the 2007-2008 academic year, and 197 enrolled in the program during the 2011-2012

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## Students choose Preston to lead SGA

By MARIAH YOUNG

Last week's Student Government Association elections named Stephanie Preston the president for the 2013-2014 academic year.

As SGA president, Preston, a junior history major, hopes to increase communication between the student government and community and aims to build school spirit.

"I would like to keep the student body more informed about the big changes that UMW is going through," said Preston. "I would also like to help share student run events and initiatives on campus in order to help with the success of them."

Currently the Communications Director for the SGA, Preston plans to continue to serve the UMW community in her new position.

"I am expecting to refine the skills I have acquired over the past two years," said Preston. "These skills will allow me to

help others in any profession that I choose to go into."

This year 22.5 percent of undergraduate student population voted in the SGA election, according to current SGA President Jeremy Thompson.

Keeping the communication between the student government and student body in mind, Preston would like to "represent students more accurately, and help improve school spirit."

Thompson believes Preston's previous experience in the SGA Executive Cabinet has prepared her to be the SGA President.

"Part of the reason I can do much of the work I do as president is because of the work of the appointed Cabinet," said Thompson. "Stephanie has been part of that Cabinet and an extremely valuable resource over the past year, and will make an exceptional Student Body President."

Preston would eventually like to go into an occupation where she can help others.

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# Professors seek accessibility to higher education

By SUZANNA TOSKE

Psychology professor Craig Vasey congregated with colleagues in the Campaign for the Future of Higher Education [CFHE] to discuss the depletion of higher education throughout the country.

Vasey, who is a member of CFHE, is also the Virginia representative for the American Association of University Professors.

The CFHE, which originally began two years ago in California, focuses on altering the discussion about higher education in the country by addressing the recent cutting back on federal funding for land-grant colleges in the nation.

"We [CFHE] ensure that the emphasis, curriculum, pricing, and structure of our nation's higher education systems are good for our students and the quality of education they receive," according to the CFHE website.

Other older organizations, such as the California Faculty Association, the Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and the American Association of University Professors, work with the CFHE in order to achieve affordability for a proper college learning experience.

The CFHE's goal is to address the increasing use of part-

time faculty at colleges, the denial of community college students due to budget cuts and unavailability of professors and the increasing student debt that impacts individuals and families across the nation, according to Vasey.

Junior environmental science and education major Katy Chase believes in the importance of learning.

"Education is cyclical; you never stop learning and passing on that information to others," said Chase. "If we deny students the opportunity for higher education, we deny future generations the chance to be taught by educators who truly love to teach."

Senior English and education major Allison McMillan respects what the CFHE hopes to accomplish.

"We live in a world where a college degree is of increasing importance, yet we're making them increasingly less accessible," said McMillan. "I think it's extremely important to try and find solutions to these problems, and I'm happy to hear that there is a campaign to raise awareness on this issue."

Vasey mentioned that there have been dramatic increases in administrative hiring nationwide, but also cutbacks on full-time faculty for cheaper,

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## BEAT

By ALEX VAN BEEK

### Theft

A petit larceny of a bicycle from Jepson occurred between 4 p.m. on Dec. 15 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 12. The case is pending.

Fredericksburg police reported a larceny from the Campus Recreation field at 1:42 a.m. on Feb. 24. Two students were arrested for grand larceny of city property, two students were arrested for being drunk in public and one was arrested for underage possession of alcohol. Two UMW trespass warnings were given.

### Vandalism

Several light covers were knocked off on the second floor of Eagle Landing between 12 a.m. and 3 a.m. on Feb. 23. The case is pending.

*Editors' Note: The Bullet publishes the names of students arrested and charged with crimes that violate the public trust whenever the names are available to us.*

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

## Campus Briefing

### Senior Art Exhibition held through Sunday

The Senior Student Exhibition in the duPont Gallery featuring student artists on College Avenue at Thornton Street will be held through Friday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free.

### Great Lives Lecture features Marian Anderson

Raymond Arsenault will present the Chappell Great Lives Lecture Series in Dodd Auditorium featuring Marian Anderson this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Arsenault is the author of "The Sound of Freedom: Marian Anderson, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Concert that Awakened America," and

the John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.



Marian Anderson.

### Poetry reading by Amanda Rutstein

Amanda Rutstein, a writing center assistant and creative writing instructor at UMW, will give a poetry reading on Thursday at 1201 William St. in room 12 at 5 p.m. The reading is part of the Department of English, Linguistics and Communication 2012-2013 Reading Series. The event is free.

### Resumania during Spring Break

Career Services will hold "Resumania" on Tuesday, March 5 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Lee Hall room 308. Students can give their resume to a counselor for a review and critique with no appointment necessary.

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Information courtesy of UMW.

## Provost search coming to close in mid-March

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school year last April. The university brought in the Registry of College and University Presidents to contract him for this school year.

The applicants for the search are Karen L. Olmstead and Jonathan Levin.

Olmstead is the dean of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology at Salisbury University. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Entomology at the University of Delaware and holds a doctorate from the University of Maryland, according to her Curriculum Vitae on the Provost Search website.

She has taught at the University of Maryland, the University of South Dakota and Salisbury University, while also holding administrative roles at Salisbury and South Dakota.

Olmstead led "a major campus effort to increase the number of STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics] and science [and] math secondary education majors and graduates which is supported in part by a NSF [National Science Foundation] grant," while at Salisbury, according to her Curriculum Vitae.

Levin received his Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Michigan; his master's from the University of California, Los Angeles, and holds a doctorate from Rutgers University, according to his Curriculum Vitae.

He taught at Columbia University and Fordham University and also held administrative roles at State University of New York and Drew University.

While at Drew University, Levin helped increase the percentage of underrepresented minorities while also increasing the GPA of incoming students.

Levin "helped complete the strategic plan with emphasis on enhancing academic excellence and expanding global, civic, and professional engagement opportunities for students," according to his Curriculum Vitae.

Both applicants spoke at community meetings where they shared information about themselves and answered questions from the audience. After the

meetings all students were sent a survey asking their opinions and thoughts on each candidate.

Hurley plans to use those surveys to help in the decision-making process. He will review comments on the two finalists and speak to the search committee.

SGA President Jeremy Thompson is excited about the level of involvement students have in the provost selection process.

"The president specifically asked that students

be involved in the process," said Thompson. "We are glad that we are able to help make a decision that will help chart our educational future."

Following that, there will be an offer made to one of the finalists, or a decision to bring in other candidates.

*"The candidates met faculty and staff in key leadership positions and vice versa, which is what you want in a search. We also gave everyone a chance to meet the candidates and the turnout was normal for this type of search."*

- Rick Hurley

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# Viewpoints

## Spring back to life over break

It may not be spring yet, but Spring Break has arrived. Many students will relish the nine days free of school after a grueling week of midterms. It is always nice to be able to kick back and recover from brutal all-nighters and untimely exam schedules.

Some students will even be lucky enough to go on an actual vacation, as opposed to spending their free time at home or on campus. The beach is a popular destination of choice, though the fact that

happening in your neighborhood. Maybe your old high school is putting on a play or a Jazz concert. Or maybe there's a store downtown you finally have enough time to visit.

If you're not sick of learning and are able to drive, you can visit battlefields or other historical locations around Fredericksburg. Washington D.C. is also close by for some. A trip to the zoo to see all the animals might be just what you need after midterms. Or

perhaps Richmond is closer to where you're situated for Spring

Break. You can treat yourself to a day wandering around the shops in Carytown or visit Belle Isle and jump on the rocks in the James River; it's like your own unique beach trip.

It might even be nice to just hang around at home in your pajamas and not think about school or impending projects for a week. Watch that three hour long documentary on Netflix you've never had time for, catch up on a personal project or just do nothing.

It's your vacation, and you can finally do whatever you want with your time.

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However, Spring Break doesn't always have to be about going to the beach or some other exotic locale. Habitat for Humanity is traveling to Florida for Alternative Spring Break where, for four days, students will devote their free time to building houses for the less fortunate.

Being stuck at home or on campus also isn't the worst thing in the world. True, you're not at the beach, but vacation doesn't have to be defined by traveling somewhere far from home. It is very easy to hop on the computer and check out what's

## Vaccines necessary for good health

By ASHLEY TENSLEY

Measles, mumps, polio and small pox are diseases that most of us probably have never actually contracted. Most likely, we have not even had to think about these illnesses. However, these diseases, as well as other serious illnesses, may become more and more apparent due to a new, absurd anti-vaccine movement that has spread like wild fire across the U.S.

The Vaccination Liberation group is one specific group that has organized against vaccinations. As they state on their website, "Vaccination Liberation is part of a national grassroots network dedicated to providing information on vaccinations not often made available to the public so that one can make the only informed choice, complete avoidance and refusal."

This movement has parents across the world fearing common immunizations that are necessary for children to be immune to potentially deadly diseases. Vaccines contain weakened versions of the illness that it is supposed to fight against. This allows the immune system the opportunity to build a defense and thus make you immune to the disease.

The advocates for this movement believe that the chemicals in many vaccines are too harmful to inject into their children's bodies and, more importantly, anti-vaccination advocates believe that these chemicals are actually causing autism in young children. The chemicals that are used to make vaccines are scary to read about if one is not properly educated on why they are actually inside these immunizations. For instance, formaldehyde is used in vaccines and often scares parents. However, it is only used because this chemical prevents the virus from re-



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Some parents fear that certain chemicals found in vaccinations will do more harm to their children than good.

producing and making the receiver sick.

The allegation that certain vaccines can cause autism in children has never been proven. Parents also worry about mercury being used in vaccinations, which makes sense since it is very dangerous to the human body. Once again, upon further investigation, parents would find that the U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reports that the use of mercury-containing preservatives in vaccines has mostly ceased as a precaution since 1999. Therefore eating half of a tuna fish sandwich, which contains 28 grams of mercury, would put you at greater risk for mercury poisoning than being immunized.

With all of this being said, over 90 percent of the population has been vaccinated, according to Forbes magazine, so there truly is no danger being around a child who is not vaccinated if you yourself have been immunized. However, the most troubling thing about this move-

ment is how wide spread these false ideas have become and how potentially dangerous this practice can be to the youth in our society.

This article is not to make you believe that the parents who believe in this practice are not entitled to their own choice. However, I believe that, if parents are going to choose not to immunize their children, they should simply know all the facts first before making such drastic, uneducated decisions.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that all vaccines have common side effects, ranging from soreness at the application site to a stuffy nose. The occurrences of serious side effects, such as brain damage or seizures, are reported to have happened once in every one million doses. Even though the CDC reports this, they also report that there is not enough evidence to actually prove that these problems occurred because of the vaccine and not as a

coincidence alone.

U.S. autism rates have increased drastically, but this is not due to early childhood immunization but actually due to the fact that there are more accurate diagnoses of the disease as a whole than ever before.

The CDC reports that in the year 2008 one-in-88 children were diagnosed with autism, which is a major leap from one-in-110 children the previous year.

Ironically enough, choosing not to immunize children for fear of them becoming deathly ill, although there is no actual evidence to prove this myth, only hurts these children in the long run.

Instead of protecting them from contracting these illnesses, not immunizing children only puts them at higher risk of contracting these potentially deadly diseases. Just because something serious occurs right after an immunization does not mean that the two incidents are related at all. Correlation is not causation.

## Letter to the Editor

*New legislation undermines school's dedication to diversity*

Dear Editor:

As President of the University of Mary Washington Student Government Association and the Student Representative to the Board of Visitors, it is my honor to represent every student at the university. I represent the views of students from all walks of life and who have different ethnicities, genders, national origins, opinions, political affiliations, races, religions and sexual orientations. While I do my best to represent everyone, I also work to create a campus environment where every single student is accepted for who they are.

This past week, the Virginia Legislature passed SB1074, a bill that will let college religious and political clubs bar members who don't share their views or the mission of the organization. SB1074 is now headed to the governor's desk for his signature or veto.

As you can imagine, this bill will create a variety of different challenges and has the potential of creating exclusion and discrimination in our learning community. Currently, SB1074 directly contradicts our university's Principles on Diversity and Inclusion and our University's Statement of Non-Discrimination.

Our statement of Diversity and Inclusion reminds us that our community is dedicated to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment of mutual respect for students, faculty, staff

and community. The University made it clear that we will not recognize or condone any organization that discriminates in selecting members. We do not discriminate in any form because it's our vision for a better community and our way of life. It is for these reasons that I have written a letter to Gov. Bob McDonnell stating my personal sincere disapproval of this bill.

One of the prime reasons why I came to the University of Mary Washington was our proud tradition of creating an open and diverse community where students are given a comfortable place to prepare themselves for a 21st-century global society. On campus, we value diversity in all forms and strive to create a community that values everybody, not just the few. It is my belief that everyone should feel safe and welcome at UMW.

Students at the UMW value the right of every individual to be treated with dignity and respect at all times. The signing of SB1074 would ensure that this basic principle would no longer be guaranteed at our university or any public university within the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is for these reasons that I have asked the governor to veto this legislation, and I ask that you stand with me in continuing to create a campus that values diversity and inclusion.

Jeremy S. Thompson is president of the UMW Student Government Association.

## Speakers fail to appeal to students



Courtesy of: UMW

Attendance at events, such as the Great Lives Lectures, tend not to represent the student body.

By ROBERT TYSZKA

Lately, I have noticed a lack of student attendance at keynote speaker events, such as the Great Lives Lectures. It seems like these events are aimed at the University of Mary Washington community, yet the student attendance at these events is awfully low. I believe the school could remedy this problem by having more upbeat speakers come to visit.

The keynote speaker series is something that UMW takes pride in. One would think the attendance would be higher for

these events due to the fact that they are right on campus, free and easily accessible. Talking to a few students, I realize that the speakers and subjects seem to be aimed at a much older audience than the student demographic.

"I think I would go to the keynote speaker events if there were people I actually had interest in," said Romadon Stovall.

Maybe if the school would bring in speakers that are more relevant to our demographic, we could bring in some more students to the events.

I think the problem definitely does not reside in publicity or

advertising. UMW does a great job of putting up those posters and getting the word out. The main problem is the content. Keynote speakers are a great thing to have on campus, but some further attention needs to be brought to the types of speakers and what UMW students will actually want to go see.

For example, some subjects in the Great Lives Lectures are not really effective at engaging the students. No one in my demographic has seen or can remember seeing Walter Cronkite on the screen. Winston Churchill is another individual that I just

can't picture students wanting to hear a lecture about. He might be interesting to history majors, but not to the wide audience of our student body.

For instance, if pop culture icons, such as Steven Colbert, came to speak, I believe it would hold a lot more interest for students. They need people that students could actually relate to. That's not to say the speakers that we have are not interesting to some, but they seem to be very selective, and most chosen speakers appeal to a specific group.

Events like this have the potential to be very effective and rewarding. One option to draw in more students would be to focus more attention on topics being discussed by students themselves. If the subjects are such that students can relate to more easily, like social media, pop culture trends and fashions, they will have more of an interest in attending.

I realize that the school has a budget that they need to take into account. Yet, I think there are ways to work around this. The University could find a way to balance between pricey keynote speakers and ones that hold student interest.

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# Viewpoints

## Ireland serves up a tall pint of hospitality

One of the stereotypes people associate with the Irish, besides being known for their brilliant drinking habits, is good old Irish hospitality. Throughout my time travelling around Ireland, it has become more and more obvious that the Irish really are a friendly group of people.

This weekend, I took a trip to Galway with a few friends to experience the cultural heart of Ireland. Galway is the smallest city in Ireland, but it is a vibrant one.

Musician's lined Shoppe Street, leading through the center of the city, and smells from the farmer's market that takes place every Saturday filled the air as we walked Galway's cobblestoned streets.

The market was huge, taking up a large area on Church Lane right beside St. Nicholas Church, and sold everything from freshly baked breads and pastries, to crepes, produce, cheeses, clothing and art.

All of the vendors were ex-

tremely friendly and would talk your ear off for as long as you let them about both their products and life in general.

We stopped at one produce stand because of the curious green drink the man was selling. The girl who was buying the drink said she was from Canada and had been in Ireland for eight months, and she returns every Saturday to this produce man's stand for a wheatgrass shot.

It is obvious from their easy-going conversation that they had formed quite a friendly relationship from their weekly meets on Saturday morning; something that is not difficult to do with the locals here in Ireland.

After talking to us for a while about his stand and the health benefits of his wheatgrass shots, he convinced us to try one for two euro. They tasted exactly as they smelled and turned our mouths green, but it was worth it for the great conversation we had with Mr. Produce Man.

The rest of Galway was just as friendly and charming. Later that evening, the three of us went to The Kings Head for dinner, Ireland's second oldest pub, and true to form, the Irish hospitality charmed us yet again.

Our server, Kevin, was very chatty with us and told us all about his time spent in America. Being from Cork himself, he told us all the lesser known places that we had to go to while we were study-

ing in Cork at UCC. Kevin gave us his number and told us to give him a ring when he got off at eight and he promised to show us to Galway's best bars for traditional Irish music.

Before moving on from The Kings Head, we sat by the fire and had a few

pints. Kevin got off early and came over to join us for a pint and told us about the history of The Kings Head and how it got its name.

He then took us to a different little pub, called the Front Door, where we talked about the differences between American and Irish culture and what he

thought about living in America. We talked about the differences in food preference: the Irish love their dairy products and tend to eat butter on everything. Needless to say, he was very disappointed with the quality of American butter. We also talked about the American obsession with accents and how women at the bars in New York City absolutely loved to talk to him.

After the Front Door, we headed to a pub that is known for its Traditional Music, Taaffes. The pub was packed with people eager to hear the music, but it was well worth it.

As we left the pub and headed back to our hostel, Kevin continued to show his Irish hospitality and promised to show us around Galway the next day before we left for Cork.

Kevin kept his promise and met us at noon the following day and showed us around some of Galway's popular places.

As we were heading to the bus station, Kevin promised to contact us when he was visiting home in Cork and show us around to his favorite places.

Our trip to Galway once again proved that, all over Ireland, the warm welcome that the Irish give never ceases to amaze me.

## Elections garner few votes

By ROBERT TYSZKA

At any college, it is essential that students have a say and influence on what happens on their campus.

Recently, the Student Government Association (SGA) student elections were held, and the participation was very low. Only 22.25 percent of the student population voted in the 2013 election, according to SGA president Jeremy Thompson.

The problem is not that the students are not interested. It is just that they are not informed well enough.

It is natural for students to want to feel like they are involved in the decisions that go on at University of Mary Washington. The problem is not dis-

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interest but rather a lack of publication. There is so much more that the student senate could be doing to publicize the SGA elections.

One thing that they could really take advantage of is incentives. When one goes to vote in a national election, they are given a sticker or something small to show they voted and as a symbol of pride. This practice could be implemented at UMW. Even something as simple as a coupon to a coffee shop or restaurant in town. The students need to be excited about the elections. If the SGA advertise incentives and makes it feel fun, it will draw in voters.

Word about the recent SGA elections was not spread as well as it could have been. The senate is the only organization that actually meets with President Rick Hurley to talk over issues. There are emails from the SGA sent to all students informing them of the upcoming elections and then another email for students to vote.

One should know that the SGA really is important to the university. If students really have any strong opinions on anything, it is the SGA that they want to talk to. The SGA is the voice of the students.

I think the SGA's publication of what they do is definitely something that has room for change. They can always interact with and inform the student body in better ways. Why not try to spread the word and better involve the students on what happens at SGA meetings. Maybe it is possible for SGA meeting minutes, or a short summary of the major issues they work on in each meeting, to be emailed to the students in effort to better inform them.

I think students can also get more excited when SGA elections come around. If those running can get the students excited about changes they hope to make to the university, it will make students more excited about their college experience and what is to come in future semesters. Students like to know where their school is heading for the short term and long term.

Students need to realize that the student senate is the only student organization that is officially allowed to represent students. If the students at UMW can get informed and excited about voting and understand that they have an influence, then it is very likely that the 2014 SGA elections will have a much better turnout.



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Every Saturday, vendors fill the streets of Galway to sell their products and engage locals and tourists.

## Sequester questions remain unanswered

By JAMES LLOYD

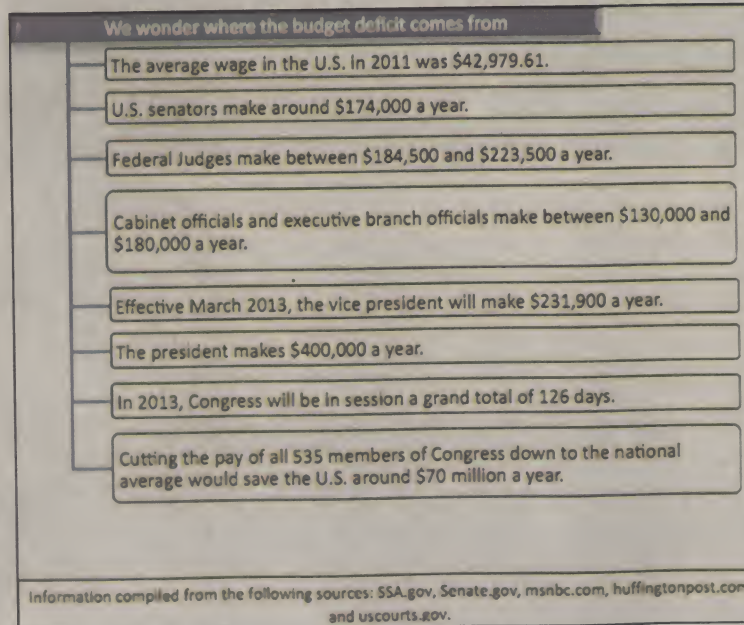
A proverbial gun is set to go off; one that will cause chaos and mayhem all over the U.S. Or, it may actually only be a squirt gun that gets us all a little wet. When it comes to the upcoming sequester, there is a great deal of uncertainty about what is really going to happen.

The "sequester" is a widespread set of cuts in funding for many federally backed programs, set to kick in on March 1. The list of targets includes, but is not limited to, education, law enforcement, public safety, airport security and the military.

Personally, while I am sure any pay cuts and lay offs that result will hurt individuals, the country, as a whole, will probably not suffer much from these cuts.

Both parties have their opinions on the matter, but the behavior of our elected officials makes it appear as if neither party really seems that worried.

Democrats act like this will be the end of the world, trying to, as the *Washington Post* put it, "paint pictures" of travel delays and lay-offs for cops, teachers and fire fighters, among other terrible outcomes. The only problem is that their actions discredit their words. They are still relaxed enough to take a President's Day vacation less than two weeks before the March 1 deadline.



Infographic by JAMES LLOYD

If they are so worried about cuts, then why are federal employees, including Vice President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner, getting a pay raise effective March 27, as reported in the *Huffington Post*. It almost seems as if democrats want these cuts to devastate us, or at least terrify us, but to what end? Do they think it will make us more willing to pay higher taxes?

Republicans, on the other hand, seem quite certain that the sequester will not be that bad. They give off the impression that, should the effects be minimal, that the long-term reduction in the overall size of the federal government would be a step in a positive direction.

Additionally, lobby groups, like the American Hospital Association and the defense industry, are only focused on their

own agenda, fighting the parts of the sequester that affect them. No one seems to be truly fighting the sequestering as a whole.

My question on the matter is, with all the government waste and excessive pay, bonuses and benefits that politicians and other high-ranking government officials get, are education and public safety the places cuts need to come from?

Wouldn't the pay of high-

ranking government officials be a better place to start cutting? If you consider the fact that a senator makes around four times that of the average American, it seems like a decent place to cut the fat. Furthermore, as reported in an article by the *New York Times*, the average net worth of members of the senate is around \$14 million, and for members of the house, it is around \$4.6 million. Do you think these people really need to make \$174,000 a year while the average citizen makes an average of \$43,000?

So the question remains: is this sequester really going to be that bad, or is it just some scare tactics from a political structure that doesn't want to do its job or politicians that don't want to lose their conveniences? Is it really going to hurt Americans, or are politicians just so certain that it won't affect them that they just don't actually care?

I think that the sequester could really hurt certain individual citizens, but, as for how the policy on its own will affect the country, I don't think it will be that bad.

With that being said, if the backlash from the sequester hits the economy too close to the backlash of other Obama policies, such as the healthcare hour cutbacks and the raising of minimum wage, then we may see the catastrophe that Obama and other Democrats are screaming about.



# Style

## Student raises money with Harry Potter-themed ball

By HOPE RACINE

On Saturday, Feb. 23, senior Becca Poole sponsored a "Harry Potter"-themed event for the Relay for Life.

Modeled after the Yule Ball dance in the "Harry Potter" books, the event served as a fundraiser for Poole's Relay for Life team.

"The team is called Avada Kedavra Cancer," said Poole. "Since the name is a 'Harry Potter' reference, we thought it would be cool to have 'Harry Potter' themed fundraisers for it."

Poole, a double major in political science and international relations, decided to create the team after learning that her grandmother was diagnosed with cancer. Her idea was met with support from her friends and roommates, as well as her siblings, freshmen twins Sarah and Daniel.

"My sister came up with the idea and we're just helping her get support," said Sarah Poole, an intended sociology major.

On Tuesday night, Sarah, Daniel and other volunteers went door to door in various dorms handing out flyers and reminding students about the upcoming ball.

"Dormstorming seems to be

a pretty effective method of generating interest," Becca Poole said. "We also made a youtube video advertising for the event."

In addition to getting donations at the ball, the team set up a fundraising event at Sweet Frog on Wednesday night. Sweet Frog donated a part of each purchase of those who specified that they wanted to support the Relay Team.

"After the ball and the Sweet Frog event, we're hoping to reach our goal of \$300," Poole said.

"I think having it Harry Potter-themed is a good way to gain interest in the Relay events," Poole said. "I'm a huge fan and also, I just really wanted a Yule Ball at UMW."

Students were asked to donate \$3 at the door and could choose which of the four "houses" would receive the donations. At the end of the night, the house with the most money donated would be announced the winner.

Attendees had the option to dress up as a character from the books if they wanted, or to dress up and look nice. While most students wore dresses or suits, some students did opt to dress as their favorite character. Some students wore outfits in the col-

ors of their favorite Hogwarts house, while some even wore robes.

"I'm not expecting a huge turnout, honestly," Poole said before the event. "I guess I'm a pessimist. I'm hoping for maybe 50 students and \$100? It's been hard to get the word out there, and Facebook can be limiting."

Poole's fears seemed unfounded, however, as most of the attendees had found out about the event through its Facebook page.

"I found out about it on Facebook, and since I like 'Harry Potter' and I support the Relay, it seemed like a fun time," said freshman Kelly Hendricks, an intended business



Hope Racine/Bullet

Freshmen Rita Bailey, Ruth Catlett and Kelly Hendricks supported Poole's relay team.

major.

Hendricks attended the event with her friends and fellow freshmen Ruth Catlett and Rita Bailey. While they went to sup-

port Poole's Relay team, the three friends intend to create their own team.

The event went from 8-12 pm and raised \$241.79, almost \$150

over Poole's initial goal. For Poole's team, with Hufflepuff house bringing in the most donations.

## Mandolins, music and comedy shine at Underground



Courtesy of Save the Arcadian.

Student band Save the Arcadian utilizes unique instruments in their songs.

By AMANDA MOTLEY

On Friday, Feb. 22, students crowded into the Underground for performances by Kyle Phalen, Rain Negativity and Save the Arcadian.

Phalen and Rain Negativity both added great elements to the night, leading up to the main set by Save the Arcadian. Phalen was a one-man show with his guitar and voice. Meanwhile, Rain Negativity brought a humorous spin on the night with his sarcastic comedy act, making witty comments about the bands that really had the crowd laughing.

Save the Arcadian came on last as the main set. They brought a unique musical style,

offering a wide range of instruments, including the cello, keyboard, mandolin, guitar and drums. The band thrives on the folk-pop category of music, seeking inspiration from bands like The Last Bison, Arcade Fire and Weezer.

Their story is unique; Save the Arcadian features a group of five men, all affiliated with the University of Mary Washington, who formed their band about a year and a half ago by chance and circumstance. Their performance on Friday showed the audience their unique sound through the use of a range of instruments and the songs they switched between.

Their sound was light and cheerful, bringing joy to the crowd and inspiring them to clap, dance and sing along as they played. The set included some of their most popular songs such as "Lair!", "Walrus" and "Dance Floor." The band showed their quirky side by adding background information between songs. This created a sense of connection to the song the audience was hearing.

Sophomore music major Erin Waters said how "cool and unique their style was and how fun the music was." The rest of the audience echoed similar responses regarding the performance.

## Redhead fires up campus

By KATIE REDMILES

Hana Pestle captivated the Underground with her booming voice and acoustic guitar and fiery red hair as the Acoustic Night performer on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

"Her sounds are inspiring... not everyone can sing and play like that at the same time," said sophomore Madeline Moravitz, a psychology major in the education program. Tuesday's performance was Moravitz's second time seeing Pestle at the University of Mary Washington. It proved just as impressive as the first.

"I saw her last year. I love her. I listen to her songs on Facebook," said Moravitz.

With a mix of her own work and covers, Pestle reached out to her listeners by giving a backstory to each of her songs. Pestle told stories, such as how the song "Make You Hurt" is about a boy who broke up with her in high school at a Wendy's, and how one of her newest creations, "For the Sky," talks about the struggles of being on the road.

One song, "What Makes Things Break Up as They Do," is about the acclaimed novel "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding. Pestle had originally written the song for a high school English project, which she got an A on. She believes it to be some of her best work.

Only 22 years old, Pestle has lived in Los Angeles, Calif. since graduating high school in her hometown of Brillings, Mont. Pestle talked about how



Courtesy of luuna.

Hana Pestle at the House of Blues in 2008.

different it was going from Montana to the big city L.A.

"I had to get used to ...the sea of people," said Pestle.

With one album already released, Pestle is working on her college tour and experimenting with new sounds.

"I really liked her variation and intimacy," freshman Michael Middleton, undeclared, said.

Pestle said that the thing she loves most about music is how it can connect with people and build that intimate connection.

"It's the greatest connector,"

she said.

Others, such as senior Logan Martinez, really appreciated what she chose to write about. According to Martinez, Pestle's songs about being on the road and moving around a lot felt very relatable.

Though she usually writes songs about her life experiences, Pestle also draws inspiration from everything she listens to. Artists such as Radiohead, Florence and the Machine and Adele are some of her main idols.

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# Style

## Actors show off musical talent at 85th Oscars event

By KATIE ROPER

The eighty-fifth Academy Awards aired live on Sunday, Feb. 24, from the Dolby Theatre in Las Angeles, Calif. This year marked the official rebranding of the event as "The Oscars." Hosted by comedian Seth MacFarlane, Sunday's show focused on the theme of music in film.

The show paid tribute to movies with outstanding soundtracks by having live performances of classic numbers from several films. Performances included Catherine Zeta-Jones singing "All That Jazz," from the musical "Chicago," Jennifer Hudson singing "And I Am Telling You, I'm Not Going," from "Dreamgirls," and the complete main cast of "Les Misérables," performing a medley from the nominated film. Other musical appearances included Dame Shirley Bassey, Norah Jones, Barbra Streisand and Adele, who later in the evening won Best Original Song for "Skyfall."

Many of 2012's best movies and performances were recognized by the Academy during this evening of glitz and glamour. Christoph Waltz from "Django Unchained" took home the Oscar for Best Supporting

Actor, while Anne Hathaway from "Les Misérables" won Best Supporting Actress. Best Actor went to Daniel Day-Lewis for "Lincoln," and the award for Best Actress was given to Jennifer Lawrence for her role in "Silver Linings Playbook."

Upon winning the award, Lawrence tripped while making her way up the stage. The crowd responded with a standing ovation. Lawrence responded by saying, "You guys are just standing up 'cause I fell and that's embarrassing. Thank you," and went on to give a heartwarming acceptance speech.

Other big winners of the night included "Life of Pi," which took home four awards, and "Argo," which took home three awards, including Best Picture. "Les Misérables" received three; "Django Unchained" and "Skyfall" both won two awards.

In terms of fashion, this year's Oscars did not fail to disappoint. At the top of the best-dressed list was winner Lawrence, who donned a pale pink Christian Dior couture ball gown. Nominee Jessica Chastain in Giorgio Armani and Amy Adams in Oscar de la Renta also wowed viewers in their elegant ensembles.



Courtesy of YouTube

Adele performed the song "Skyfall" during the Oscars and later won Best Original Song.

Despite Hathaway's Oscar-winning acting, her Prada gown was unflattering and awkward, causing her to receive a bid for worst dressed. Other people on the worst-dressed list included Helen Hunt wearing H&M and Helena Bonham-Carter.

Some surprises of the night included a tie for the same

award in the category of sound editing. This award went to Paul N.J. Ottosson for "Zero Dark Thirty" and Per Hallberg and Karen Baker Landers for "Skyfall." This is the sixth time in Oscar history that award results have been tied. However, the biggest surprise of the night was an appearance by First Lady

Michelle Obama. Obama appeared via Skype from the White House to present the award for Best Picture to winners Ben Affleck, George Clooney and Grant Heslov of "Argo."

Other highlights of the evening included an opening dance number featuring Chan-

ning Tatum and a shorthaired Charlize Theron. The two appeared to be channeling Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers, and were followed by an uncoordinated tap dance by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Daniel Radcliffe and MacFarlane.

## Date Auction raises over \$1000 for Invisible Children



Laura Morris/Bullet

Auctioneers strutted their stuff to raise money for charity.

By LAURA MORRIS

Students flocked to the Great Hall on Sunday, Feb. 24, for a night of charity and courtship. The Date Auction, promoted by

Invisible Children, proved to be a successful fundraiser for this organization and a show filled with side-splitting humor for its audiences.

Invisible Children is an organization founded in 2004 with a goal of "stopping Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army from abducting, killing, and displacing civilians in East and Central Africa." UMW students took their own initiative with the date auction to raise money and end the atrocity.

"It's great to be a part of something serious and cooperative," said Zach Johnson, an undeclared sophomore who was

auctioned off at the event. "It's nice to be involved with something all the way on the other side of the world."

The love for this cause was evident on the faces of all who were involved. Another auctioneer, Danielle Whitty, a junior psychology major, said, "I have a really big heart for children in third-world countries, so I really wanted to help out the best I could."

The host of the event, junior English major Abbey Doherty, participated in hilarious commentary with the auctioneer, her father, Brian Joseph Doherty. The conversation between these two was a show in itself. As the auctioneers took the stage, Abbey introduced them to the crowd and they showed off their per-

sonalities in many different ways. Each participant was asked to "shake your booty" for the expecting crowd.

One auctioneer, Andrew Hogan, performed a strip tease

*"We had greatauctioneers, great participation, we love seeing more people come out to the event every year."*  
- Abbey Doherty

that ended in his dancing while decked out in a very small speedo. He earned \$80 for the cause. Carl Larson, who was a last minute addition to the show, brought in the highest bid among male participants, with \$110, by tantalizing the audience with his dance moves. Alyssa Hughes brought in the highest

amount among female participants, with \$115.

Aside from watching the auction, viewers enjoyed an intermission show by UMW a capella group, One Note Stand, which the auctioneer jokingly referred to as "one night stand." Audience members could enter into a raffle with the chance to win gift cards from the various sponsors of the event, such as Outback Steakhouse, Tito's Diner and Qdoba.

The event raised over \$1,000 for Invisible Children and participants could not have been happier with the result.

"We had great auctioneers, great participation; we love seeing more people come out to the event every year," said Doherty. "And we are just happy to raise any money we can for the cause. It's all for the kids."

## Students sound off on this year's Spring Break plans



Katie Roper/Bullet

*"I'm going on Alternative Spring Break to Florida. It's for Habitat for Humanity, so we will be building houses for four days and then visiting the beach for two [days]."*

- Katie Gerbes, senior, sociology major



Katie Roper/Bullet

*"I'm going to be couch surfing because my parents don't live in this country."*

- Quinlan McCarthy, senior, classical archaeology major



Katie Roper/Bullet

*"I'm going with my family to Aspen [Colorado]. I've always wanted to go there because of the movie 'Dumb and Dumber.'"*

- Brady Larkin, junior, geography major





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## SGA presents to City Council on service goals

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will win a pizza party.

There will be a BBQ after students finish volunteering and water bottles and t-shirts will be given to all student volunteers on the day of the event.

While the event has occurred in the past, this is the biggest year yet, according to McSpadden.

Thompson ended the student portion of the presentation by highlighting his respect for the

community and the city and encouraged the council to reach out to the university for any help needed in the future.

Following the presentation, Fredericksburg Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw shared Thompson's sentiments.

"The feeling is mutual," said Greenlaw. "We do love our university, and we're very proud of it and the fine young people who attend there."

Thompson and McSpadden had spoken about Greenlaw's in-

terest in helping out the university and their future plans to collaborate with the city council.

Thompson said he has met monthly with Greenlaw to keep communication strong between UMW and the Fredericksburg community.

Greenlaw will attend Good Neighbor Day to support the efforts and Fredericksburg City Council member George Solley will come to speak at the event as well.

## Geography department welcomes graduate degree

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session. The certificate requires 18 course hours and is similar to a minor.

"Over 80 percent of students find jobs when they graduate and, during the program most students are placed in internships, paid and unpaid positions with companies in the region, gaining valuable work experience," said Rizzo.

Geospatial analysis combines various aspects from many different disciplines in order to apply, manage, analyze and display spatial data. It overlaps topography with other data in

order to create a map that illustrates the entirety of the man-made and natural phenomena in the area. Geospatial analysis is found in Google Maps and Global Positioning Systems, according to Rizzo and Gallagher.

Gallagher highlighted the importance of training students in this field.

"The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) reports that there will not be enough people trained in the next 10 years to fill the positions open in the field," said Gallagher.

Senior business major Jessica Murnin believes adding to the

graduate school is a step in the right direction.

"I think the new master degree is a good idea and I like that we are expanding our master program," said Murnin. "Geospatial analysis is an interesting field to get a master degree in."

Senior geography major Megan Mahoney plans to enroll in the program and pursue a career as a lidar analyst at the NGA.

"I think that the program is going to turn out very well," said Mahoney. "I believe that it will be better than George Mason's."

## Professors encourage higher education quality

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part-time labor.

"In the media, a common claim is that faculty salaries are to blame for rising costs. This is absolutely false," said Vasey.

According to Vasey, 77 percent of all teaching in higher education in the U.S. is now done by part-time faculty.

"Thirty years ago, that 70-to-30 split was in the opposite direction," said Vasey.

There was a 31 percent point difference between wealthy and poor Americans who earned a bachelor's degree 30 years ago. Today, the gap is 45 points, ac-

cording to the New York Times.

The CFHE addressed the effects of rising tuition rates on college students and school's curriculum, and defined an ideal higher education and the costs to achieve it in a release to the media.

In one of the CFHE's working papers, Bob Samuels, a lecturer in the writing programs at the University of California, argued for transferring current government spending to higher education and eliminating regressive tax breaks.

Rudy Fichtnebaum, economics professor at the Wright State University in Ohio and national

president of the American Association of University of Professors, explained how to succeed in funding for higher education through miniscule tax on selected financial transactions according to another paper for the CFHE.

Vasey said that it once was understood that higher education was a public good, but today that vision is under attack.

"But the change we want in the conversation is to return to a vision of education as a public good, as available and accessible to anyone who wants it," said Vasey.

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# Sports

## Equestrians to compete regionally

By ALLISON MARTIN

There are many necessary preparations made before one can trot onto the ring at a horse-show. But to the best riders on the UMW Equestrian team, their experience with the sport has made these processes intrinsic.

There are a number of events offered at a horseshow, such as team, course walk and fences. In the Intercollegiate Horseshow Association (ISHA), there are six levels of western riding and eight levels of hunter seat riding.

People unfamiliar with riding may not realize that riders are not riding onto the ring with their own horse. The day of competition, riders draw names of horses out of a hat, and the horse they pick will be the horse they ride at that horseshow. A rider's performance is critiqued by a panel of judges, who primarily look at a rider's positioning and control on the horse.

Cori Frederickson, a junior, believes the biggest aspect of training for a horseshow is developing confidence. "You must know intrinsically the difference in each horse, so getting to ride and experience as many different horses as possible," Frederickson said.

On competition day, a rider could be riding any horse in the gamut, so training on as many

horses as possible allows them to feel comfortable and intuitive with how to handle the varying personalities that different horses may have.

Riding is similar to gymnastics. A gymnast trains all of the events from the floor, to the beam, to the uneven bars, and experience leads to a gained fluency and instinct in knowing what they need to do when performing on each one.

And the equestrian team's training is not exclusively riding horses. They cross train at the gym, using a weightlifting program that is designed to complement what they do on the horse in competition. Frederickson also mentioned that one of the things they do when training out in the ring is riding without stirrups to build leg muscle.

Haley Cook, a senior, is the team captain. Her responsibilities include leading study hall for everyone to do schoolwork together as a team, coordinating fun ways for them to spend time with each other, such as team dinners, and offering a leadership role that her experience lends her.

Members of the equestrian team are on a whole spectrum of levels, Cook said.

"Some riders have been riding the majority of their lives, and others had not been on a



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The UMW equestrian team will travel to Goucher to compete in Regionals.

horse more than a couple times before they walked onto the team," said Cook.

For those who have been riding since their childhood, Cook said the biggest adjustment riders have to make when competing at the collegiate level is the switch from riding as an individual to riding for the team.

Now that the championship

part of the season is underway, six women from UMW's equestrian program will be competing at the Regional Championships March 30 at Goucher College. The team has qualified through an accumulation of points. There are 17 teams in UMW's region, making it the largest.

The six women riding at Goucher next month for Region-

als are Cook, junior Molly Banfield, junior Alyssa Zarzecki, freshman Kimberly Counts, junior Mackenzie Walsh and sophomore Elicia Franchini. Of these six women, Banfield has already scored herself a qualification for the National Championships because she was the High Point rider at the Cacchione Cup.

## Tennis commands the court

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losing 5-8.

With a 2-1 lead after doubles, the Eagles beat down F&M to sweep their opponent at singles, going 8-1 overall.

Carey came back after losing, 3-6, in set one, winning, 7-6, in set two and clinching the super tiebreaker, 10-8. Charles won handily at 6-3 and 6-1. Senior Sam Wichlin lost, 4-6, in set one, but rallied to win set two, 6-3, and the super tiebreaker by a wide 10-5. Lunding-Johansson had no trouble, winning 6-1 and 6-0. Nguyen was the third Eagle to mount a comeback, losing set one, 3-6, winning set two, 6-1, and finishing the super tiebreaker at 14-12.

Helbling commented on the difference between this week-end's matches and last week-end's. "We have different stages of confidence," Helbling said. "Playing with so many injuries last week brought us down, but I like where we are right now heading into Spring Break. If we keep that confidence going, that'll be good for us."

The Eagles will be in California over Spring Break, taking on Occidental College on March 3, California Lutheran University on March 4, Pomona-Pitzer College on March 7 and University of Redlands on March 9.

## Eagles hang on for close win

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Kelly, the player that started the run, also capped it off, adding his second goal of the game with only 11.6 seconds remaining in the first half.

"I like the personnel we have on the offensive side of the field," head coach Kurt Glaeser said after the game. "In terms of personnel—athletes, guys who can create points for us—we're much better off than we were 10 days ago."

Glaeser's athletes continued to battle with the Green Terror into the third frame. The Eagles got goals from Dacey and Dick, but were unable to pull away, as the majority of the period was played on UMW's defensive half of the field.

Del Grosso bailed the Eagles out several times in the third, allowing his team to head into the final quarter deadlocked at seven goals apiece.

"Last game, I was really nervous," Del Grosso said in reference to the Eagles' match-up with Randolph-Macon last Wednesday, Feb. 20, in which he was temporarily pulled from the action during the second half. "I felt no pressure today. I just came out here and played really solid ball with the team."

Less than two minutes into the fourth quarter, Kelly notched

his third unassisted goal, giving the Eagles a lead they would not surrender. Again, Pittard assisted Dacey on a man advantage score, putting the Eagles up 9-7 with 12:37 left to play in the game. McDaniel midfielder Jason Lawrence closed the gap to one goal six minutes later.

Dick scored a pair of goals, completing his hat trick and putting the Eagles up by three points with under four minutes to play. But after McDaniel's James Gibbons scored to make it 11-9 with 1:39 to play, the real danger set in for UMW.

With 1:03 left, Bohlinger and defenseman Charlie Webb were called for 60-second infractions,

leaving Del Grosso and his defense two men down to close out the game. Thirty seconds later, Dick was called for an illegal procedure, and the Eagles were suddenly forced to seal the victory playing six-on-three.

Somehow, the Eagles averted the danger, holding the Green Terror scoreless for the final minute of play, finalizing an 11-9 win.

"I thought we had it won," Del Grosso said. "But that's a lesson that you can't ever celebrate too early."

The Eagles will travel to Hampton Roads on Saturday, March 2, to take on Christopher Newport University at 1 p.m.

### Men's lacrosse top scorers

Player	Points
Billy Kelly.....	13
Luke Dick.....	10
John Bohlinger.....	9
Paul Tunick.....	8
Chip Pittard.....	5

(Three players tied at 3)

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# Sports

## Men's lacrosse tops McDaniel

*A trio of hat tricks lifts UMW to an 11-9 victory*



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Junior goalkeeper Zack Del Grosso makes a pivotal stop against a Green Terror shooter on Saturday.

By KEVIN BOILARD

Junior goalkeeper Zack Del Grosso sprinted off the field as time expired, celebrating his 21-save performance, which lifted the University of Mary Washington men's lacrosse team to an 11-9 victory over McDaniel College on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Del Grosso wasn't the only Eagle to stand out. Three offensive players—senior midfielder Sean Dacey, and junior attackmen Billy Kelly and Luke Dick—each chipped in a hat trick on the scoring end. Junior attackman John Bohlinger, the only other Eagle to score, added two goals of his own.

Bohlinger broke the ice on a

Dick-assisted man-up goal less than 90 seconds into the contest. From there, however, the Eagles started to slip as the McDaniel

scored its fifth goal of the game. He penetrated the Green Terror defense and dove across the face of the goal, showing fierce de-

tempt to connect with Bohlinger instead, giving the Eagles their third goal of the game with 11:11 to play in the half.

Junior midfielder Chip Pittard recorded the first of his three assists when he found Dacey for a man up score with 3:16 left.

"When country music is the last thing I hear before stepping on that field, I know I'm going to have a good day," Dacey said, referring to an Alan Jackson version of "The Star-Spangled Banner," which played over the loudspeaker at the Battlegrounds complex before the start of the game.

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*"When country music is the last thing I hear before stepping onto that field, I know I'm going to have a good day."*

-Senior midfielder Sean Dacey

Green Terror went on a 5-0 run, which extended into the second quarter.

Kelly, the team's leading goal scorer, finally stopped the bleeding 15 seconds after McDaniel

termination on his unassisted tally.

Down 5-2, UMW rallied to tie the game before halftime.

Senior attackman Paul Tunnick pulled up short on a shot at

## Eagles dominate in doubleheader

By JOE CLAYTON

The pitching staff for the University of Mary Washington baseball team threw a no-hitter in a 5-0 win in game one of their doubleheader against Penn State-Altoona on Sunday, Feb. 24 at V. Earl Dickinson Stadium. The Eagles went on to win game two, 8-1, improving to 5-2 on the year.

When asked about what aspects of the game were particularly strong on Sunday, head coach Wayne Riser said, "Our pitching and defense has been our strength to this point. If they can remain consistently good and we can improve offensively, we can be competitive."

The pitching and defense on the afternoon were strong, as the Eagles only allowed one run. Senior lefty Torey Mancari started the day off right with five no-hit innings in which he allowed just three base runners and struck out a season-high 10 batters. Junior relievers Chris Somerville and Jake Black closed out the game by each throwing one hitless inning.

Offensively, the Eagles started hot, scoring twice in each of the first two innings. Sophomore infielder Chris King led off with a walk, advancing to third on a single by sophomore outfielder Brendan Jones. King scored on a successful double steal, and sophomore catcher Jono Haught followed that with a double to drive in Jones.

The second inning began like the first, with a walk to sophomore infielder Alex Bryant. King laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance Bryant into scoring position. Jones followed with another single, moving Bryant to third.

A wild pitch scored Bryant and moved Jones to second. Haught came through again with a single, scoring Jones to give the Eagles a 4-0 lead. Senior in-

fielder Chad Anglin scored the final run of the game for the Eagles in the fifth inning.

In the second leg of the double-header, senior right-handed pitcher Mike Straub and two freshman relievers combined to hold Penn State-Altoona to one run.

When asked about the pitching performance on Sunday, Riser said, "both Mancari and Straub had good starts. Both are very talented and have continued to apply the plan that has been presented to them."

Straub, like Mancari, went five strong innings, striking out six and allowing just one run. Freshmen David Phillips and

Bernard Mayflower closed the game out with a perfect inning each.

Scoring in the second game came in bunches. The scoring began in the second inning, with the Eagles trailing 0-1.

Freshman infielder Steve Ruggiere and

junior T.J. Cretney scored; Ruggiere on a passed ball, and Cretney on a wild pitch.

In the third, UMW added three runs. Haught, who drove in a pair of runs in the early game, continued his hot play with another two RBIs. Cretney came through with a double to give the Eagles a lead of 5-1.

The lead completed, ballooning in the sixth, as Bryant had an RBI single and scored a run in the inning. He was accompanied by Jones when he scored, helping stretch the lead to 8-1.

With strong pitching and solid defensive play, the Eagles improved to 5-2 on the year. Inclement weather has forced the cancellation of the Eagles' Tuesday match-up with Washington and Lee University. The team failed to keep up the momentum gained from a successful sweep when it lost to Bridgewater College, 11-0, at home on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.



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Head coach Wayne Riser.



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Senior Torey Mancari hurls a left-handed pitch.

## UMW Sunday Standouts

**Torey Mancari:** Pitched five innings in Game 1, allowing no hits.

**Jono Haught:** Collected four total RBIs in Sunday's doubleheader.

**T.J. Cretney:** Went a perfect three-for-three batting in Game 2.

♦♦ *If they remain consistently good ... we can be competitive.*

-UMW head coach Wayne Riser on his pitching staff, which led the Eagles to a twin bill sweep.

## Wednesday results

Softball  
at Shenandoah

Game 1  
L, 2-1

Game 2  
L, 12-11

Baseball  
vs. Bridgewater  
L, 11-0

Women's lacrosse  
at Shenandoah  
L, 10-9

## Tennis picks up two wins

By STEPHEN CAMPBELL

Men's tennis team improved to 5-3 this weekend after winning their matches against Salisbury University and Franklin & Marshall College (F&M) on Sunday, Feb. 24.

After shutting down Salisbury that morning, the University of Mary Washington squad came out strong to dominate two out of three doubles matches against F&M. Last weekend losses at doubles had proved ruinous against Case Western Reserve, but this time the Eagles were the ones putting the pressure on F&M.

Assistant coach Curry Martin was enthusiastic about the Eagles' performance, calling the team "very focused."

"You cannot give [the other team] any kind of confidence heading into singles," Martin said.

Before taking on F&M, though, UMW had to get past Salisbury in the team's morning match. The 21st ranked Eagles swept Salisbury at doubles by a wide margin, with wins at 8-1, 8-5 and 8-4. Salisbury proved tougher at singles, splitting those matches, 3-3, with the Eagles.

All together, UMW came out on top at 6-3, prepped and ready to take on F&M.

"This one right here is more important for us," junior Alex Blakhin said, referring to the ongoing doubles matches against F&M. "The match of the day is this one right here."

Head coach Todd Helbling agreed separately, saying that "Franklin & Marshall [is] pretty good; they might even be better than Vassar."

The Eagles knew what they were up against, so they played tough and never gave their opponents a chance to gain momentum.

Sophomores Evan Charles and Donato Rizzolo dominated their doubles match at 8-1, both of them totally at ease. Sophomores Tyler Carey and Kaleb Nguyen also won, steamrolling to another 8-1 victory. Freshmen David Lundberg-Johansson and Marcelle Rengifo played well, but couldn't quite catch up after their opponents' early lead.

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Men's tennis played strongly in singles matches.